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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

John M. Krochta, et al.

Application No.: 09/879,796

Filed: June 11, 2001

For: METHODS AND  
FORMULATIONS FOR PROVIDING  
GLOSS COATINGS TO FOODS AND  
FOR PROTECTING NUTS FROM  
RANCIDITY

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.